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TO AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 098280

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC, ZA, RH

SUBJ: MAY 15 BORDER SHOOTING INCIDENT

REF: LUSAKA 928

1. CONCUR IN PRINCIPLE YOUR RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED REFTTEL THAT IT DESIRABLE TO MAKE GRZ AWARE THAT ITS COMMUNIQUE ON SHOOTING INCIDENT TROUBLES US, WITHOUT FLATLY QUESTIONING ITS VERACITY, BUT SUGGEST SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT APPROACH. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO INFORM GRZ AT HIGH LEVEL THAT THERE NO WAY WE CAN PREVENT AMERICAN CITIZENS FROM GOING TO SOUTHERN RHODESIA, ALTHOUGH WE DO TRY TO DISCOURAGE THEM. WOULD ALSO POINT OUT THAT INCIDENTS SUCH AS THIS DO NOT HELP ZAMBIA' S OWN IMAGE IN U. S., AND WE WOULD URGE GRZ TO DO ALL IN ITS POWER TO PREVENT RECURRENCE.

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2. AS AMBASSADOR WILKOWSKI NOW INTENDS RETURN TO POST IN EARLY JUNE, BELIEVE MOST EFFECTIVE CHANNEL FOR COMMUNICATING ABOVE TO GRZ WOULD BE FOR HER TO TAKE IT UP, ALONG WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER ITEMS, IN HER FIRST CALL ON PRESIDENT KAUNDA. AT THAT TIME SHE ALSO WOULD DELIVER TO KAUNDA THE MAY 17 LETTER FROM PRESIDENT (STATE 097588). AMBASSADOR CONCURS THIS APPROACH.

3. FYI: THUS FAR, DEPT. SPOKESMAN HAS NOT BEEN ASKED ABOUT VICTORIA FALLS INCIDENT. IF QUESTIONED ABOUT OUR POSITION, RESPONSE WOULD BE THAT WE HAVE NOTED THAT THE ZAMBIAN AUTHORITIES PROMPTLY CARRIED OUT AN INVESTIGATION OF THE INCIDENT, AS THEY SAID THEY WOULD, AND HAVE ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SHOOTING. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, MR. CARRUTHERS HAS RAISED SEVERAL DISCREPANCIES IN THE ZAMBIAN ACCOUNT, WHICH ALSO IS AT SOME VARIANCE WITH MRS. CARRUTHERS' EARLIER STATEMENTS. AT THIS TIME, WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO JUDGE THESE DISCREPANCIES. RUSH

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